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FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS
XMT AMEMBASSY JIDDA
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT
AMEMBASSY DOHA
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN
AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
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SUBJECT: DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE
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NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED IN SEVERAL CABLES FROM POSTS
THAT VARIOUS LDCS SEEM TO BE CONFUSING TRADE BENEFITS THEY
CAN OBTAIN THROUGH GSP AND LONGER-TERM TRADE BENEFITS
AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MTN. MANY LDCS ALSO APPEAR TO BE
OPERATING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT GSP BENEFITS AND/OR

"EROSION" OF GSP TRADE MARGINS ARE LEGITIMATE BARGAINING POINTS IN THE MTN. FOR FUTURE GUIDANCE AND REFERENCE FOR POSTS WE ARE SETTING OUT BELOW USG VIEWS ON GSP AND THE MTN, WHICH POSTS CAN USE WITH HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE OCCASIONS ARISE.

2. GSP IS A UNILATERAL GRANT WHICH PROVIDES FOR UNBOUND, TEMPORARY TRADE PREFERENCES TO BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE, THEREFORE, BELIEVE IT SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO BILATERAL OR PLURILATERAL NEGOTIATION EITHER WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE MTN. THE US HAS COMPLETELY SEPARATE PROCEDURES FOR ADDING PRODUCTS TO THE GSP LIST. WHILE WE BELIEVE THAT OUR GSP PROGRAM IS CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF A STRONG EXPORT EARNINGS CAPABILITY IN BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES, GSP TREATMENT BECAUSE OF ITS TEMPORARY, UNBOUND AND UNILATERAL NATURE IS INFERIOR TO BOUND MFN DUTY REDUCTIONS AS A TRADE-CREATING DEVICE AND AS AN INCENTIVE TO INVESTMENT IN NEW EXPORT PRODUCTION. VANCE

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